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RE: Report on Probation and Parole

DATE: March 1, 2021

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**DIVISION OF ADULT CORRECTION AND
JUVENILE JUSTICE
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
LEGISLATIVE REPORT ON
SEX OFFENDER GPS**

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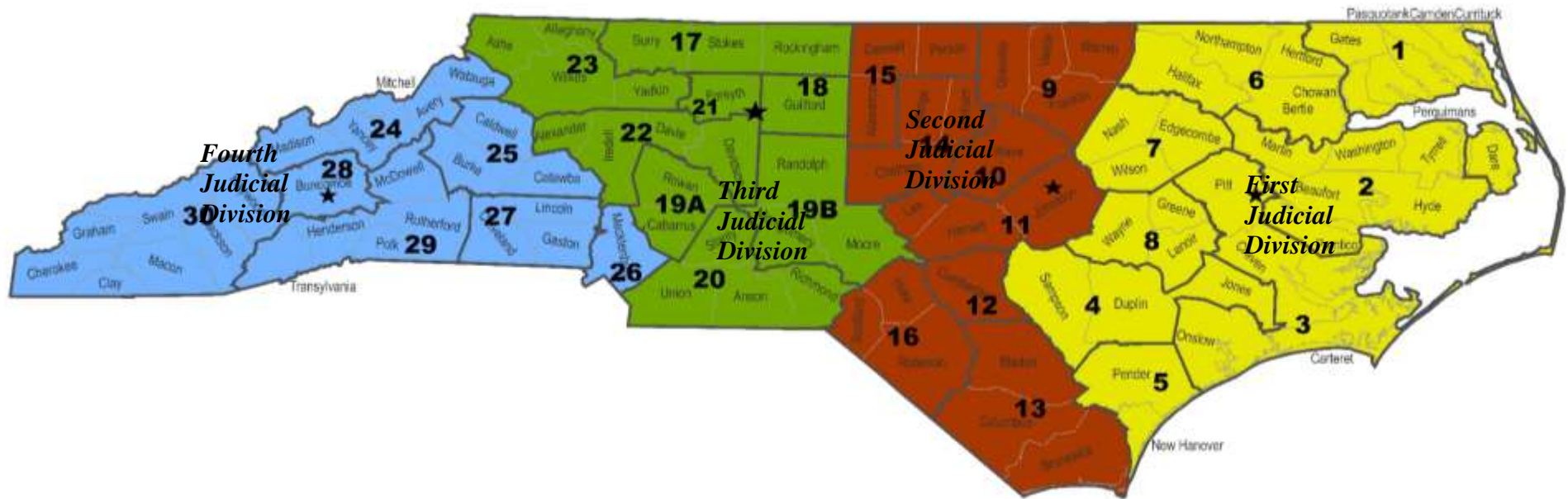
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ELECTRONIC MONITORING/USE OF GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEMS FOR SEX OFFENDERS

Session Law 2006-247 (H1896) required the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice (formerly DOC) to establish a sex offender monitoring program using a continuous satellite-based monitoring system to monitor sex offenders in the community. Offenders subject to monitoring include those under probation, parole, or post-release supervision and certain offenders who have completed their periods of supervision or incarceration but are subject to lifetime tracking pursuant to statute.

Number of Sex Offenders Enrolled

[N.C.G.S.14-208.40](#) establishes three categories of offenders subject to GPS monitoring:

1. Any offender classified as a sexually violent predator, is a recidivist or was convicted of an aggravated offense (Mandatory GPS);
2. Any offender who has committed an offense involving the physical, mental, or sexual abuse of a minor and requires the highest possible level of supervision and monitoring based on a DOC risk assessment (Conditional GPS); and
3. Any offender who is convicted of [G.S. 14-27.2A](#) or [G.S. 14-27.4A](#).

All three categories require that the offender be convicted of a reportable conviction and be required to register as a sex offender. Of the 11 sex offenders enrolled in the electronic monitoring program during fiscal year 2019-2020, all were monitored via active GPS.

5 were assigned to the conditional program (45%)

6 were assigned to the mandatory program (55%)

The table below represents the number of new offenders enrolled on GPS for FY 2019-2020.

Enrollments by Month			
Month FY 19/20	Conditional	Mandatory	Total-Active GPS
July	0	1	1
August	0	1	1
September	0	0	0
October	0	0	0
November	1	0	1
December	1	2	3
January	1	0	1
February	1	1	2
March	1	0	1
April	0	0	0
May	0	1	1
June	0	0	0
Totals	5	6	11

Caseloads of Probation Officers Assigned to GPS Monitored Sex Offenders

Due to the relatively small numbers of offenders under GPS supervision, Community Corrections utilized existing resources to aid in the supervision of GPS sex offender cases. Probation officers specializing in the supervision of sex offenders, including those who do not have the GPS requirements, monitored this population. Factors such as geography, the number of different offender types, their admission rates to supervision, and the number of officer resources impact decisions concerning local case management practices.

Two officers work in the GPS administrative office and handle the GPS lifetime-tracking offender population. This population consists of certain sex offenders who are no longer active under Community Corrections' authority, but who were legislatively mandated to be tracked for the remainder of their lives. These officers handle cases statewide, and as of June 30, 2020, were responsible for monitoring 446 sex offenders.

Population on 06/30/2020

On June 30, 2020, there were 714 offenders enrolled in the electronic monitoring program. Most offenders (492) were assigned to the mandatory program, 222 were assigned to the conditional program. **All offenders enrolled at the end of the fiscal year were monitored via active GPS.**

It should be noted that there was a decrease in the overall number of sex offenders assigned to GPS monitoring during this fiscal year. This decrease is attributed to the impact of COVID-19 on court operations as well as the ruling in *State v. Grady*, 372 N.C. 509, 831 S.E.2d 542 (2019).

Violations

During fiscal year 2019-2020, new enrollees in the electronic monitoring program were cited for 1 violation. Of the 11 offenders enrolled in the program during the fiscal year, 1 (9.09%) was cited for at least one violation, which was a curfew violation. This percentage is less than last year.

GS 143B-707.1(b)(4): Absconders - Exits from GPS during fiscal year 2019-2020

There were 9 total offender exits from GPS during the fiscal year. Eight offenders completed the program and 1 moved out of state. None were absconders.

Exits from SBM during FY 19-20

Exit Type	Offender Exits from GPS	Percent Exits
Completed	8	88.89%
Moved Out of State	1	11.11%
Totals	9	100%

GS 143B-707.1(b)(5): Offender Enrollment Projections

The Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice's Section of Reentry, Programs and Services provided assistance with the enrollment projections. The tables below show year-end population projections for the GPS program for FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22:

Projected Population for GPS Supervision

Type of Offender	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022
Mandatory GPS	685	620
Conditional GPS	313	267
Totals	998	887

The projections are based on the laws in effect as of June 30, 2020, and do not take into consideration any future legislation affecting GPS supervision.